

IOWA—RAILROAD FROM MCGREGOR'S LANDING, &c.

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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF IOWA,

ASKING

*Land in aid of the construction of a railroad from McGregor's landing to some point on the northern boundary line of the said State.*

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JULY 28, 1856.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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*Memorial and joint resolution asking Congress for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from McGregor's landing, on the Mississippi river, to a point in the western bounds of the State of Iowa, between Sargent's bluffs and the north bounds of the State; and in case the bounds of the State be extended to the Missouri river on the northwest, said grant of land to extend to the west bounds of said State.*

Whereas, by an act of Congress approved May 15, 1856, in answer to a memorial of the general assembly of the State of Iowa, a grant of land was made to said State to aid in the construction of three several railroads, as applied for in said memorial; and whereas one road, to wit: that from McGregor's landing, named in said memorial of the general assembly, was left out of the said grant; and whereas the route of said road from McGregor's landing would be at least eighty miles north of the most northern of the said roads provided for in said grant; and whereas it is believed that a great portion of the northwestern part of the State of Iowa, and of the southwestern portion of Minnesota, must remain for a long time unsettled, unless encouraged by railroad facilities; and whereas it is believed that the granting of alternate sections to the State, under proper restrictions, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of all practicable railroads in the State, has a direct tendency to promote the not only best interests of the State, but of the general government; therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators be instructed, and our representatives in Congress be requested*

to procure the passage of a law granting to the State of Iowa the alternate sections of land along the line of the proposed road, to an equal extent, under like privileges and restrictions, with the grant made to the said other roads by said act of May 15, 1856, to wit: commencing at McGregor's landing on the Mississippi, thence on the most practicable route to a point in the western bounds of the State between Sargent's bluffs and the north boundary of the State; and in case the west bounds of the State be extended to the Missouri on the northwest, that the said grant of land be also extended to the other western boundary, and that the land likely to be within the scope of the applied for grant now for sale be immediately withdrawn from market, and wherever the lands are not in market, the same be withheld from sale until sufficient time shall have expired for the particular location of this road, and the selecting of said lands to be conveyed in said grant.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolutions to each of the senators and representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

REUBEN NOBLE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

MATURIN L. FISHER,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved July 15, 1856.

JAMES W. GRIMES.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, IOWA,

*Iowa City, July 18, 1856.*

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original rolls on file in my office.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,

*Secretary of State.*